

**OFFICE OF THE ASSAM STATE INFORMATION COMMISSION
JONAKEE COMPLEX, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6**

Appeal Case No: KP(M).29/2014

Appellant: **Shri Bipin Ch. Thakuria
House No.-12 Santipur , I.G. Road,
Guwahati – 781 009**

Public Authority: **Sri Siraj Ali,
SPIO, Assam Forest Protection Force**

Heard by: **Shri Himangshu Sekhar Das,
Assam State Chief Information Commr.**

**Appellant was
Represented by:** **Self.**

**Public Authority was
represented by** **Sri Siraj Ali, SPIO &
Shri Cheni Ram Duarah**

**O R D E R
6-2-2015**

The appellant Sri Bipin Ch. Thakuria is present . The Public Authority was represented by Sri Siraj Ali, SPIO in the office of the Second Assam Forest Protection Force Batallion, Seconi, Jhaklabandha, Nagaon.

Vide his original RTI application dated 8th November, 2013, the appellant/ petitioner sought information about deployment of Second Assam Forest Protection Force Batallion personnel from the date of inception till the date of RTI application.

The original RTI application was addressed to the SPIO in the office of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Protection Force , Assam. The SPIO then transferred the RTI petition to the SPIO in the office of the Commandant on 15th November, 2013. On 9th January, 2014, the Commandant , Second AFPF Batallion informed the applicant that the information sought for by him cannot be provided under Section 8(1)(a) of the RTI Act, 2005. Shri Siraj Ali, SPIO submitted that the Second AFPF Battalion has the same scale of weapons as the regular Assam Police Battalions and the Battalion is commanded by Police officers on deputation. He further submitted that providing the information sought for by the appellant may help the poachers and other anti social elements and may adversely affect protection of forest wealth and wild life.

In this connection, Notification No. PLA.384/2005/54 dated 8th March, 2006 issued by Political 'A' Department, Govt. of Assam was referred to. The Assam Forest Protection Force Batallions are not included in the list of Intelligence and Security Organizations which have been exempted from the purview of the RTI Act, 2005. Further, the information sought for by the appellant relates to past time period and therefore, unlikely to be detrimental to protection of forest and wild life.

Moreover, information relating to deployment of Second AFPF personnel does not appear to attract the provisions of Section 8(1)(a) of the RTI Act.

Therefore, the concerned Public Authority, i.e., the Commandant, 2nd AFPF is hereby directed to provide the information sought for to the appellant within 30 days.

With the above order the Second Appeal petition is disposed of.

Sd/-

**(H. S. Das, IAS) (Retd)
Assam State Chief Information Commissioner,
Panjabari, Guwahati- 37**

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Assam State Information Commission
Panjabari, Guwahati-37**

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1. Sri Siraj Ali, SPIO, Assam Forest Protection Force Batallion, Seconi, Jhaklabandha, Nagaon, for information & necessary action.
2. Shri Bipin Ch. Thakuria, House No.-12 Santipur, I.G. Road, Guwahati – 781 009, for information & necessary action.
3. Computer Section for uploading in the Website.
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Panjabari, Guwahati-37**

